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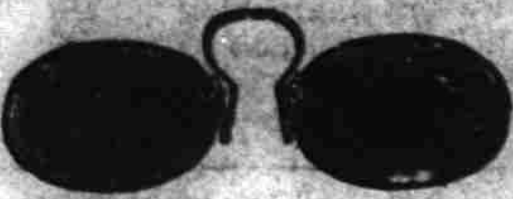
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TAFT'S NOMINATION SPEECH MAKES HIM MANY FRIENDS

Straightforward Talk on Issues
of Campaign Appeals to
Country

By C. S. ALBERT

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 2.—President Taft's speech accepting the Republican nomination did not create a ripple in the somewhat stagnant political sea. It had a more beneficent effect. Its perusal by the farmer, the workman and the sober-minded generally is expected to produce good results. The address itself is regarded as a fair, plain, straightforward announcement of Mr. Taft's policies and promises. It is considered an unusually excellent campaign document. The prediction is advanced that between this time and November 5 the speech of acceptance will bring thousands of dissatisfied voters back into the fold.

It is a curious fact that at present the defeat of Mr. Taft is accepted on all sides as a foregone conclusion. His most intimate friends and loyal supporters do not prophesy his election. When the subject is mentioned there is invariably a sad nod of the head and a whispered declaration that the Democrats will certainly win next autumn.

Like McKinley Campaign. In many respects the campaign now beginning is identical with that which resulted in the first election of William McKinley. Up to within one week of the fatal November day the overwhelming success of William J. Bryan was cheerfully conceded. No body was foolish or reckless enough to anticipate the triumph of Mr. McKinley. The entire tide of sentiment seemed to reverse itself during the seven days immediately preceding the battle of ballots.

A large number of the more conservative now thoughtfully suggest that perhaps Mr. Taft may duplicate the success of his co-citizen, Mr. McKinley and win out after the contest is given over to Mr. Wilson and the Democrats. In this connection, it is believed the President's speech replying to Senator Root's address of nomination, will go far toward reassuring the wavering and bringing people to a realization that some good remains in the Republican party.

House Fight Fruitless.

The thrashing out in the House of the contested delegate question has not been productive of beneficial results. It was merely an exchange of criticism and harsh words by several Representatives, belonging to all political parties. The old charges were reiterated but no further proof presented to demonstrate that everything was not determined on a basis of the utmost fairness. The Democrats found much satisfaction in producing additional statement tending to indicate that the managers for Col. Roosevelt sought to bribe the negro delegates from the Southern States. The old story of tearing \$1000 bills in twain and giving an astonished colored man one half and telling him the other portion would be his when he voted

for McGovern, as temporary presiding officer, was repeated. All names were carefully concealed and the assertions lost much of their value by reason of that suppression.

Fisher's Little Joke. Secretary Fisher pulled off a fairly presentable joke at the notification ceremonies. A luncheon followed the speechmaking.

Among the adornments of the state dining room are two enormous Bull Moose heads. They were placed in that position by the former President, Col. Roosevelt.

It happened that Secretary Fisher stood immediately beneath one of the bull moose heads.

Representative Rodenberg of Illinois called his attention to the fact and remarked:

"Just see what is looking down on this assemblage."

Without wrinkling his face or giving any indication of a smile, Secretary Fisher replied:

"But they are dead."

The first step in the direction of catching the negro vote for the Republicans has been taken. A compilation was made from the rosters and descriptive lists of the navy, showing to what extent negroes are employed by the government in the enlisted and civil branches of that service.

The result shows that in the entire naval service there are 4113 negroes, 1529 of the number being enlisted men. In the Navy Department and yards there are 2584 negroes employed.

The aggregate payroll for all the negroes in the service of the navy is \$2,158,000 annually.

As to Discrimination.

Friends of the President insist that these figures clearly prove there has been no discrimination against the negro under the Taft administration.

The Republican congressional committee is to aid all Republican nominees for Congress, whether they are actively engaged in the support of Taft and Sherman or not, according to Representative McKinley of Illinois, chairman of the committee. But any of the so-called Republican Progressives who join with a third party

the Bull Moose party—may expect no aid whatever from the committee.

Mr. McKinley said:

"The committee will do everything in its power to elect Republican nominees for Congress. If they come out strongly for the national ticket, well and good; but if they prefer to remain quiet and withhold active support from Taft and Sherman, they are none the less Republicans, and entitled to assistance of the committee."

"Of course, if they announce themselves as candidates of a third party, which, in its call, announced itself distinct from the Republican party, they have no right to expect help from a Republican committee. They have just as much right to expect help from Mr. Lloyd's Democratic congressional committee. In States where the Roosevelt electors run on the same ticket, but under the designation of Republicans, the entire ticket, including the nominees for Congress, must be considered Republican."

TEDDY'S "CONFESSION OF FAITH"

Summary of Roosevelt's Address Before the National Convention of the Progressive Party

TARIFF—I believe in a protective tariff approached from a standpoint of the whole people and not a bundle of preferences to be given favored individuals; a permanent tariff commission, with revision schedule by schedule.

HIGHER COST OF LIVING—Fearless intelligent and searching inquiry into whole subject, by absolutely non-partisan experts who shall recommend necessary remedies heedless of what interest may be hurt and caring only for interests of people as whole.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—Efficient army and navy; Panama Canal tolls on deep-water commerce should be uniform to all nations, including ourselves; American coastwise vessels should pass through the canal free.

THE COURTS—When a judicial decision involves an interpretation of what the people mean by the constitutions which they have framed and laws passed by the people are nullified because the courts say those laws are contrary to the people's will as expressed in their Constitution, there must be a "reference to the people of the public effect of such decisions under forms securing full deliberation," to the end that the people may rectify this alleged defeat in their Constitution by a popular vote having all the force of a Constitutional amendment.

THE TRUSTS—A National Industrial Commission should be created, which should have complete power like those exercised over the railways by the Interstate Commerce Commission, and additional powers if found necessary. Where those concerns deal with the necessities of life, the commission should not shrink, if the necessity is proved, from going to the extent of exercising regulatory control over the conditions that create or determine monopoly prices.

ALASKA—Government should own the railroads and should keep the fee of all coal fields and allow them to be operated by lessee, with the condition in the lease that non-use shall operate at a forfeit.

A system of land-taxation should be tried which promotes the actual use of land and discourages the holding of land for speculation.

RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO RULE—Presidential primaries, popular election of Senators, the short ballot, an efficient corrupt practices act, qualified use of the initiative, referendum and recall.

LABOR—Wage scales and other labor data should be made public; all deaths, injuries and diseases due to industrial operation should be reported to the authorities; wage commissions should be established in the nation and State to determine the minimum wage scale in different industries.

THE FARMER—The Country Life Commission should be revived and every effort made to make farm life attractive and profitable.

AERIAL RAILWAY FOR COLOMBIA

An English syndicate is responsible for the aerial railway to connect Manizales with Mariquita, but the planning of the line is in the hands of a German engineering firm, and was begun in January last. The distance to be covered is approximately forty miles, not including a branch which will run from El Zancudo to the mining district of the same name. The greatest height at which the cable will be carried is 10,600 feet, in the neighborhood of La Leonera. For every mile of cable it will be necessary to construct fifteen or sixteen towers. The motive power is to be derived from a point on the River Guah, where, it is said, 750 horsepower can easily be developed. It is estimated that such a railway could transport 500 tons in twenty-four hours, and as construction expenses regarded as very promising. Stations have been fixed at, among other places, La Elviria, Soledad, Fresno and Santa Ana.—La Idea, Manizales.

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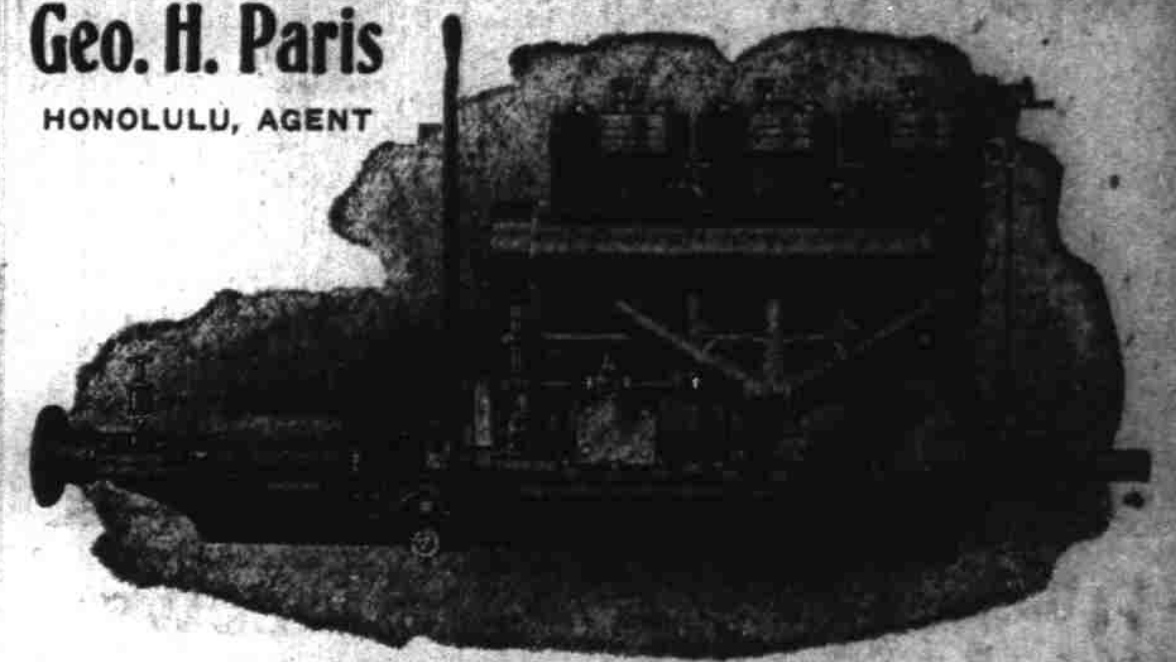
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